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WesMark Growth Fund Cited by Lipper

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WHEELING, W.Va., April 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- WesMark Growth Fund, managed by WesBanco Investment Department, a division of WesBanco Bank, was awarded Lipper's 2003 Performance Achievement Certificate as the top- performing Large Cap Core Fund for the five-year period ended Dec. 31, 2003.

The fund ranked No. 1 out of 610 Large Cap Core Funds tracked by Lipper based on total return. For the one- and five-year periods ended March 31, 2004, the fund ranked 35 out of 1,025 funds and 1 out of 626 funds, respectively.

"We're delighted to have earned this award on behalf of our shareholders," said Jerome B. Schmitt, executive vice president of trusts and investments, who co-manages the fund with David B. Ellwood. "The award is especially significant since it reflects the fact that this core stock fund has outperformed its peer group across both bull and bear market periods."

The $269-million fund pursues capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of companies with prospects for above-average, long-term growth in earnings. The portfolio managers focus on selecting growth-oriented stocks of large- or mid-capitalization companies that are expected to achieve above-average profitability, based on measurements such as operating profit margin or return on equity.

WesMark Growth Fund is part of the $617-million WesMark Funds family, which is managed by WesBanco Investment Department. Introduced in 1997, the WesMark Funds consist of five stock, bond, and balanced funds. The administrator and distributor of the funds since 1997 have been subsidiaries of Pittsburgh-based Federated Investors, Inc.

The initial minimum investment for the WesMark Funds is as low as $1,000 ($500 for IRAs). Subsequent investments

can be made in amounts of at least $100. Prospective investors can call 800-368-3369 for more complete information, including a prospectus. Investors should carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before they invest. Information about these and other important subjects is in the fund's prospectus, which should be read carefully before investing.

Headquartered in Wheeling, West Virginia, WesBanco Bank, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of WesBanco, Inc. (Nasdaq: WSBC), a multi-state bank holding company presently operating through 72 banking offices and 105 ATM machines in West Virginia, Central and Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. WesBanco is the second largest bank holding company headquartered in West Virginia with the third overall deposit market share. In addition, WesBanco operates an insurance brokerage company, WesBanco Insurance Services, Inc. and a full service broker/dealer, WesBanco Securities, Inc.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

*Lipper rankings are based on total return and do not reflect sales charges. Rankings for other share classes would have varied.

Lipper Performance Achievement Certificates are awards to fund portfolios that ranked first in their investment objective/Lipper classification over various time periods. Awards are based upon cumulative total return.

WesBanco Investment Department, a division of WesBanco Bank, Inc., is the Investment Adviser to the WesMark Funds. Edgewood Services, Inc., which is not affiliated with WesBanco, is the distributor.

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